

3.13 Intergovernmental Coordination

GOAL 1301

Monroe County shall promote and encourage intergovernmental coordination between the County; the municipalities of Key West, Key Colony Beach, and Layton; the Counties of Dade and Collier; regional, state, and federal governments and private entities in order to anticipate and resolve present and future concerns and conflicts. [9J-5.015(3)(a)]

Objective 1301.1

Monroe County shall establish or maintain coordination mechanisms to ensure that full consideration is given to the impacts of development allowed by the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan upon the plans of adjacent municipalities, adjacent counties of Dade and Collier, the region, the State and the Federal Governments, as well as the impacts of those entities' plans on the County. [9J-5.015(3)(b)1, 2 & 3]

Policy 1301.1.1

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County shall increase the amount and effectiveness of coordination mechanisms with the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) by receiving the Council's comments on the revised Monroe County Comprehensive Plan and the land development regulations and addressing these comments in plan revisions. [9J-5.015(3)(b)3]

Policy 1301.1.2

Monroe County shall coordinate with Dade County, Florida Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on all land and water management plans affecting Card Sound. [9J-5.015(3)(c)6]

Policy 1301.1.3

Monroe County shall resolve conflicts including but not limited to annexation issues, with Broward, Collier and Dade Counties, the Cities of Key West, Key Colony Beach, and Layton, and the State of Florida through the South Florida Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process. [9J-5.015(3)(c)2 and 4]

Policy 1301.1.4

By January 4, 1998, Monroe County shall initiate an interlocal agreement with Dade County providing for notification and review procedures in order to provide a mechanism for Monroe County comment on land use and regulatory issues concerning the potable water wellfield, aquifer, and aquifer recharge areas. [9J-5.015(3)(b)2]

Policy 1301.1.5

Monroe County and the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA) shall work cooperatively with the SFWMD and Dade County to ensure the protection and availability of an adequate raw water supply to meet Monroe County needs through 2010 from the Florida City well field by:

1. renewing of consumptive use permit by January 4, 1998 and thereafter as required by SFWMD; and
2. if necessary, conducting an exploratory study of the feasibility of reverse osmosis and other technologies. [9J-5.015(3)(b)2]

Policy 1301.1.6

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County and the City of Key West shall set up and implement, by interlocal agreement, an entity called the Monroe County Technical Coordination Committee. The committee will consist of six officials, three representing the City of Key West and three representing Monroe County, appointed at the discretion of the City Manager and County Administrator. These officials will represent the concerns of the following offices with each government:

1. Community Services
2. Public Works
3. Planning

The Committee will meet at least twice a year with the following agenda, with subsequent summary reports provided to the County Administrator and City Manager:

1. Land Use/Development Impact Review
2. Transportation Management
3. Affordable Housing
4. Public Facilities
5. Public Safety
6. Solid Waste (to include recycling)
7. Recreation and Open Space
8. Potable Water
9. Drainage
10. Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge
11. Conservation
12. Coastal Management
13. Permit Allocation
14. Hurricane Evacuation and Recovery
[9J-5.015(3)(c)5 and 9J-5.015.(3)(b)2]

Policy 1301.1.7

By January 4, 1997 and each year thereafter on an ongoing basis Monroe County and FKAA will coordinate an evaluation and appraisal of the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan, adopted levels of service, annual public facility capacity analysis, and the Consumptive Use Permit. [9J-5.015(3)(c)1]

Policy 1301.1.8

Monroe County shall, through means in policies 1301.1.3, 1301.1.6 and 1301.1.9, improve communication and conflict resolution among the County, its municipalities, and the State of Florida within the context of the County's designation as an area of critical state concern. Improvement shall be measured based on the ability of developing joint resolutions in areas of mutual concern.

Policy 1301.1.9

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County shall request that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) initiate intergovernmental agreements with the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Environmental Regulation in order to assist them in their efforts to streamline their effectiveness by clearly establishing a coordinated agency review procedure that establishes each agency's responsibilities within Monroe County as stated in Chapter 163, F.S., Chapter 380, F.S. and Section 381.272, F.S. The agreements will establish coordinated permit procedures and greater understanding of mutual concerns and long-term goals.

Policy 1301.1.10

On a semi-annual basis, Monroe County shall meet with representatives of federal, state, regional and local agencies that have regulatory authority in the County, and periodically review those agencies' written rules in order to keep up-to-date and informed as to how other agencies' regulatory activities affect implementation of Monroe County's Comprehensive Plan. Monroe County shall be responsible for developing a list to be revised annually of contact persons within all agencies which have jurisdiction in Monroe County. In addition, the periodic review of agency rules by the County shall be in writing and provided to the relevant agency to assure further understanding.

Policy 1301.1.11

Monroe County shall attempt to ensure that development activities that require permits from federal, state, regional, and county regulatory authorities are done through a coordinated interagency review. [9J-5.015(3)]

Policy 1301.1.12

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County shall establish a complete list of existing and planned intergovernmental and interagency agreements, which shall be updated annually.

Policy 1301.1.13

All permitting agencies shall be required per Chapter 163, F.S. to observe and adhere to the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan and regulations if more stringent than their own.

Policy 1301.1.14

Monroe County shall continue to participate wherever possible in SFWMD planning and management activities. Monroe County shall continue to review and comment on SFWMD's proposed plans and regulation amendments, and to delegate representatives to SFWMD's Advisory Committees. Monroe County shall also seek, through County Commission resolution, to maintain equal representation on the SFWMD Governing Board.

Objective 1301.2

Through the adoption of one or more intergovernmental agreements, Monroe County shall coordinate with municipalities and other appropriate entities in order to plan and implement programs to improve water quality. [9J-5.015(3)(c) 3 and 6]

Policy 1301.2.1

Monroe County shall, by specified dates given below implement the following water quality improvement programs by intergovernmental agreement:

<u>Entity/Entities</u>	<u>Subject (or their designees)</u>	<u>Date</u>
Wastewater treatment inspection/compliance program for all OSDS, package plants, and wastewater treatment plants	Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) & Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS)	1/4/97
Regulation and enforcement program for live-aboard disposal system discharge	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine and Port Advisory Committee, BOCC, NOAA, DEP, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and incorporated municipalities	1/4/97
Identification and replacement of deficient OSDS	HRS	1/4/97
Engineering study of drainage in the Florida Keys	SFWMD, DEP	1/4/97
Interjurisdictional drainage facilities impacting on the Everglades and Florida Bay	Dade, Broward, Collier, and Palm Beach Counties and SFWMD	1/4/97
Nearshore and Florida Bay water quality monitoring program	SFWMD, EPA, DEP, and Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS)	1/4/98
Preparation of the Sanitary Wastewater/Stormwater Master Plan	FCAA, SFWMD	1/4/97
Water Quality and permitting issues related to canal system aeration, backfilling, and unplugging	DEP, ACOE, NOAA, EPA	1/4/98
Scientific studies of stress on seagrass ecosystems	NOAA, EPA, and DEP	following completion of FKNMS Plan
Scientific studies of stress on coral reef ecosystems	NOAA, EPA, and DEP	following completion of FKNMS Plan
Coordination of existing and potential land management problems affecting water quality and fisheries	Nat'l Park Service, SFWMD, Collier and Dade Counties	1/4/97

Objective 1301.3

Level of service standards established by the Comprehensive Plan shall be reviewed with the entity actually responsible for providing the facilities to ensure that adequate capacity is available to meet the needs of existing and future residents. [9J-5.015(3)(b)3]

Policy 1301.3.1

When conflicts with other local governments arise, including but not limited to the following topics:

1. establishing when, how and which public facilities' LOS standards shall be measured across jurisdictional lines;
2. evaluating the impact on levels of service caused by development within each jurisdiction, to ensure concurrency, and to assess the development's impacts on land use;
3. allocating the relative proportions of future development;
4. establishing a system to monitor future development within the jurisdictions; and
5. mediating disputes between the jurisdictions regarding the allocation of future development.

Monroe County shall initiate and utilize the South Florida Regional Planning Council's (SFRPC) informal mediation process to resolve conflicts. [9J-5.015(3)(c)2]

Policy 1301.3.2

Monroe County shall, through its development review process, consider the impacts of proposed developments on the LOS standards of adjacent local governments and the Counties of Dade and Collier. [9J-5.015(3)(c)5]

Policy 1301.3.3

As part of the planning process, Monroe County shall consider the impacts of projected development on the comprehensive plans of incorporated communities within the County. [9J-5.015(3)(c)7]

Policy 1301.3.4

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County shall initiate an interlocal agreement with Dade County to evaluate the impact of development on levels of service within one mile of County borders, ensure concurrency and assess impact on existing and proposed land use. [9J-5.015(3)(c)5]

Objective 1301.4

Establish or maintain coordination mechanisms to ensure transportation related programs, plans, and facility improvements are fully considered by the appropriate federal, state, regional or local agency. [9J-5.015(3)(b)3]

Policy 1301.4.1

Monroe County shall continue operating the Monroe County Transportation Program and coordinating the program with the Key West Port and Transit Authority, and the Florida Department of Transportation 5-Year Transportation Plan. [9J-5.015(3)(b)3]

Policy 1301.4.2

Monroe County shall continue to seek funds for the transportation disadvantaged and other transit and paratransit operations from all applicable federal, state, regional, and other sources and shall continue to provide gas tax revenues to public transit and paratransit services.

Policy 1301.4.3

Monroe County shall coordinate all port or related facilities with the plans of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, resource planning and management plan prepared pursuant to Chapter 380, Florida Statutes and approved by the Governor and Cabinet, and the Florida Department of Transportation 5-Year Plan as adopted. [9J-5.015(3)(b)3]

Policy 1301.4.4

Monroe County shall coordinate port related improvements with the Key West Port and Transit Authority (PATA) by designating a member of the staff of the Planning Department to act as a liaison with PATA. [9J-5.015(3)(b)3]

Policy 1301.4.5

Monroe County shall coordinate all aviation or related facilities with the plans of the Federal Aviation Administration, military services, resource planning and management plan prepared pursuant to Chapter 380, Florida Statutes and approved by the Governor and Cabinet, the Florida Department of Transportation 5-Year Plan, and the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process as adopted. [9J-5.015(3)(b)3]

Policy 1301.4.6

Monroe County shall maintain and update a master plan for each public airport pursuant to the rules of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Policy 1301.4.7

Monroe County shall work with the Florida Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration to secure airport improvement grants.

Policy 1301.4.8

Monroe County shall coordinate expansions and operation of the Key West airport with the U.S. Navy.

Policy 1301.4.9

Monroe County shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to ensure that US 1 roadway capacity improvements are placed on FDOT's five year plan to reduce hurricane evacuation clearance times to 24 hours by the year 2010 (see Capital Improvements Policies 1401.1.4 and 1401.1.5). [9J-5.015(3)(b)3]

Objective 1301.5

Ensure that implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan is coordinated with the plans and programs of:

The Land Authority of Monroe County,
The Monroe County Property Appraiser's Office
The District School Board of Monroe County
The Florida Department of Transportation
The South Florida Regional Planning Council
The South Florida Water Management District
The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation
The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority
The City Electric Service,
The Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services
The Florida Keys Electric Cooperative
The Monroe County Sheriff's Department
Monroe County Housing Authority
The Key West Port and Transit Authority

and other providers of health, safety, and educational services not having regulatory authority over the use of land. [9J-5.015(3)(b)1]

Policy 1301.5.1

Monroe County shall request that private providers of health, safety, and educational services review and comment regarding this comprehensive plan. [9J-5.015(3)(c)1]

Policy 1301.5.2

Monroe County shall continue to share data with the City Electric Service, Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, the Monroe County Property Appraiser, SFWMD and other agencies for use in GIS applications. [9J-5.015(3)(c)3]

Policy 1301.5.3

The existing coordination mechanism between the Monroe County Land Authority and the Florida Department of Community Affairs shall be maintained. By January 4, 1998, the Land Authority shall research and publish a report examining the potential to expand its operations and effectiveness, particularly within the context of the needs identified in this Comprehensive Plan, including the Land Authority becoming the responsible authority for acquiring and administering a TDR program. The report shall identify specific actions (if any) which Monroe County should take to assist the Land Authority.

Policy 1301.5.4

By January 4, 1997 Monroe County, in updating its drainage policies and ordinances, shall meet with the SFWMD and the SFRPC to ensure that the local regulatory framework is consistent with the planning objectives and regulations of the region. [9J-5.015(3)(b)3]

Policy 1301.5.5

The Growth Management Division shall work with the County Housing Authority to encourage development of elderly and institutional housing and identify funding sources for community-based non-profit organizations to provide affordable housing for low-income residents.

Policy 1301.5.6

Monroe County shall coordinate with the District School Board of Monroe County on the siting and expansion of required facilities.

Policy 1301.5.7

Monroe County shall, on an annual basis during the preparation of the Concurrency Management Report, coordinate with the Municipal Services District, the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, City Electric and the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative to determine the acreage and location of land needed to accommodate projected service expansions. [9J-5.015(3)(b)1]

Policy 1301.5.8

Monroe County shall, on an annual basis, coordinate with hospitals in the County to ensure the availability of adequate land to meet hospital expansion and improvement requirements.

Objective 1301.6

Monroe County shall establish or maintain mechanisms of coordination and cooperation to ensure the protection and restoration of wetlands.

Policy 1301.6.1

Monroe County shall participate in the Florida Keys Advance Identification of Wetlands (ADID) Program.

Policy 1301.6.2

As part of the ADID Program, Monroe County shall continue to cooperate with the EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (FGFWFC), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to develop a wetlands functional assessment protocol. This assessment protocol shall be tailored for use in the Florida Keys and shall be based upon habitat suitability, water quality, and flood flow alteration functions of marine and freshwater wetlands.

Policy 1301.6.3

As part of the ADID Program, Monroe County, EPA, USFWS, and FGFWFC will jointly carry out the functional analysis of wetlands. This shall be completed on all wetland vegetative cover areas within improved subdivisions and on selected sites outside improved

subdivisions, according to statistically valid selected sample locations for each wetland vegetative cover type.

Policy 1301.6.4

Monroe County shall work cooperatively with the ACOE, EPA, DER, DNR, FGFWFC, and others as appropriate, to determine funding sources to support the wetlands restoration program.

Policy 1301.6.5

Monroe County shall cooperate with the FGFWFC in its effort to map freshwater wetlands and disturbed wetlands.

Policy 1301.6.6

The Monroe County Department of Environmental Resources, in consultation with the Monroe County Department of Marine Resources, shall work cooperatively with the Monroe County Land Authority in developing and administering the wetlands acquisition program.

Objective 1301.7

Monroe County shall implement mechanisms to identify and resolve intergovernmental coordination needs pertaining to environmental issues and natural resource protection.

Policy 1301.7.1

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County shall initiate an interlocal agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and SFWMD to identify and map the freshwater lenses of the Florida Keys and their associated recharge areas. Previously conducted studies by the Audubon Society and the SFWMD will be utilized to the greatest extent possible. An analysis of the condition of the lenses shall also be completed. The mapping shall be incorporated onto the Geographical Information System.

Policy 1301.7.2

Monroe County shall coordinate with applicable state agencies to promote utilization of grey water storage systems and utilization for all exterior irrigation and flushing purposes.

Policy 1301.7.3

By September 30th of each year, Monroe County, in coordination with local DER representatives, shall review the annual air quality monitoring data for Monroe County. Any violations of the NAAQS or trends in ambient air quality shall be reported to the Board of County Commission.

Policy 1301.7.4

The County shall coordinate its upland habitat mapping and evaluation efforts with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, Florida Department of Natural Resources, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, and the National Audubon Society (Research Department).

Policy 1301.7.5

Monroe County, in cooperation with appropriate state and/or federal agencies, shall identify current and future land use activities causing or potentially causing adverse impacts on sensitive natural features and resources within state and federal conservation lands and develop a management plan for the protection of each Conservation Land Protection Area.

Policy 1301.7.6

Monroe County shall assist the DCA in developing a coordinated agency review pursuant to section 380.051, Florida Statutes. The Monroe County Growth Management Division shall continue to conduct meetings with the Department of Environmental Regulation, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to identify the environmental issues and contradictions in rules and authorities related to the permitting process for marinas, docking facilities, piers, mooring sites, hardened vertical shoreline structures, and dredging in the Florida Keys. Within one year of the effective date of this comprehensive plan, after issues have been identified, Monroe County shall revise its Land Development Regulations. (See Policies 103.2.13, 203.6.1, 212.4.7, 212.5.10, and 212.6.5.) [9J-5.012(3)(c)1,2,3 and 8; 9J-5.013(2)(c)1 and 6]

Policy 1301.7.7

Monroe County shall coordinate its boating impacts management activities with those of the National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan, the Department of Natural Resources, the Coast Guard, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Policy 1301.7.8

Monroe County shall work cooperatively with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to promote the recovery of plant species designated by the federal government as threatened and endangered.

Policy 1301.7.9

By January 4, 1998 Monroe County shall implement an ongoing coordination program with the National Park Service, the South Florida Water Management District, Dade County and Collier County to address existing and potential land management problems in the region which may affect the conservation, use and protection of unique vegetative communities and species of special status on mainland Monroe County.

Policy 1301.7.10

Monroe County shall implement the following species of special status identification and protection programs in coordination and cooperation with all pertinent agencies and organizations, including but not limited to the following:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Entity/Entities</u>
Prepare management guidelines for federally-designated wildlife species	DEP, FGFWFC, and USFWS
By January 4, 1998 prepare a list of undesirable exotic wildlife populations	FGFWFC and USFWS
Identify probable concentrated range of	DEP, The Nature Conservancy,

wildlife species of special status	FGFWFC, and USFWS
Promote recovery of threatened and endangered species by coordinating development review and protection of horizon sites	FGFWFC and USFWS
By January 4, 1998 update the list of offshore island rookeries and nesting areas where development shall be prohibited	DEP, National Audobon Society, USFWS, NOAA, and FGFWFC
Determine protection and habitat preservation measures to assist with recovery of the Indigo Snake, Key Largo Wood Rat, Silver Rice Rat, Key Largo Cotton Mouse and the Lower Keys Marsh Rabbit	USFWS and FGFWFC

Policy 1301.7.11

Monroe County shall work cooperatively with the Department of Environmental Regulation and the Department of Natural Resources to identify alternatives for adaptive reuse and reclamation of abandoned mining pits in the Florida Keys.

Policy 1301.7.12

By January 4, 1998, Monroe County shall initiate discussions with the FCAA and providers of electricity and telephone service to assess the measures which could be taken to discourage or prohibit extension of facilities and services to Coastal Barrier Resource Systems (CBRS) units. [9J-5.006(3)(c)6]

Policy 1301.7.13

Monroe County shall encourage and participate in the development and implementation of pollution response plans. These shall include participation in an oil response team (see Policy 207.8.6), and plans for hazardous materials emergencies (see Policy 801.5.2).

Policy 1301.7.14

Monroe County shall, by January 4, 1998, identify the technical assistance available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service for development and implementation of a soil erosion and sedimentation control program.

Policy 1301.7.15

Monroe County shall coordinate with DNR and encourage total acquisition of North Key Largo under the CARL program.

Policy 1301.7.16

The Monroe County Growth Management Division shall continue its active involvement with the ongoing Florida Keys interagency committee. Through this established process, Monroe County shall solicit comments from and offer comments to DER, DNR, NOAA, SFWMD, USFWS, FGFWFC, ACOE and DCA on permitting, planning, regulatory revisions, and other agency-related issues.

Objective 1301.8

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County shall initiate the necessary interlocal coordination mechanisms to improve hurricane evacuation times and assure the provision of an adequate number of shelter facilities for evacuating Monroe County residents.

Policy 1301.8.1

Monroe County shall seek interlocal agreements with one or more appropriate agencies for installation and funding sources of at least four tide gauges at critical locations throughout the Keys.

Policy 1301.8.2

Monroe County shall initiate an interlocal agreement, with the incorporated municipalities and other appropriate agencies including the National Weather Service, to draft and implement a comprehensive program for expanded resident and visitor hurricane awareness and evacuation procedures. The program will identify education needs and adequate funding sources to include, at a minimum, staffing requirements, distribution of hurricane public awareness brochures, media coverage, and public service announcements in English and Spanish.

Policy 1301.8.3

By January 4, 1998, Monroe County shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation to draft and implement a program which will establish priorities for elevation of low segments of U.S. Highway 1. The program shall, at a minimum, identify funding sources and scheduling.

Policy 1301.8.4

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County shall develop a plan which will identify the appropriate agencies required for coordination and funding of one Category 5 Emergency Operations Center (EOC), at a minimum, in each of the three EOC districts.

Policy 1301.8.5

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County shall coordinate with the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Emergency Management, the South Florida Regional Planning Council, and Dade County to identify sufficient approved shelter spaces outside of Monroe County for all county residents who will require shelter from a Category III or greater hurricane. Priority consideration shall be given to expansion of the currently designated shelter at Florida International University in order to consolidate Monroe County shelter spaces in one location.

Policy 1301.8.6

By January 4, 1998, Monroe County shall enter into an interlocal agreement with Dade County and other appropriate agencies (e.g., the Board of Regents) to provide sufficient additional approved spaces outside of Monroe County capable of withstanding Category III or stronger hurricanes and their associated surges for all county residents who will require shelter from a Category III or greater hurricane.

Policy 1301.8.7

By January 4, 1998, Monroe County shall coordinate with the U.S. Coast Guard to identify areas of mutual concern during a hurricane evacuation and identify the appropriate coordination mechanisms and procedures.

Objective 1301.9

Monroe County shall by January 4, 1998, implement an ongoing coordination program with other city, state and federal governmental agencies to make available city, state and federally-owned parks and recreational facilities for use by county residents. (See Recreation and Open Space Objective 1201.8 and related policies.) [9J-5.014(3)(b)2 and 4]

Objective 1301.10

Monroe County shall increase intergovernmental coordination efforts with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER), the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), and the County's municipalities to develop and implement the most cost-effective and environmentally sound methods of regional solid and hazardous waste management.

Policy 1301.10.1

Monroe County shall continue to negotiate an interlocal agreement with the Cities of Key West, Key Colony Beach and Layton for the consolidated handling, processing and disposal of solid waste.

Policy 1301.10.2

Monroe County shall continue coordination efforts with the DER and other involved federal and state agencies to pursue funding for the implementation of Monroe County's Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Management Plans.

Policy 1301.10.3

Monroe County shall coordinate with and pursue with the Florida Association of Counties for the State-wide enactment of beverage container deposit laws.

Policy 1301.10.4

By January 4, 1998, Monroe County shall implement a County-wide mandatory curbside recycling program for all residential units and continue commercial recycling programs for all handling and disposal of newspapers, glass, plastics and aluminum waste products in order to meet mandated state solid waste requirements.

Policy 1301.10.5

By January 4, 1998, Monroe County shall participate in a Region-wide hazardous waste program consistent with the SFRPC Regional Comprehensive Policy Plan.

GOAL 1302

Monroe County shall improve coordination within County government agencies in order to provide better service to the citizens of Monroe County.

Objective 1302.1

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County Government and its Divisions of Public Safety, Community Services, Growth Management, and Public Works shall inventory, analyze, create, and improve formal and informal coordination mechanisms.

Policy 1302.1.1

By January 4, 1998, discussions between the Divisions of Public Safety, Community Services, Growth Management, and Public Works shall formalize existing or new coordination mechanisms to avoid conflicts and improve delivery of services to the citizens of Monroe County. These coordination mechanisms will address the following issues:

1. The development review process, permit allocation process and the concurrency management process;
2. The responsibilities of the Department of Code Enforcement;
3. Hurricane preparedness and response plans;
4. Public safety needs, including law enforcement coordination requirements; and
5. The County's need for a utilities coordination group similar to that which exists in the City of Key West. [9J-5.015(3)(c)3]

Policy 1302.1.2

Upon adoption by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners of revised land development regulations, the Growth Management Division shall establish written standard operating procedures to expedite all proposed amendments to the land development regulations and comprehensive plans in the most efficient and least time consuming manner possible, as per Chapter 380, F.S. In addition, the Growth Management Division will establish procedures to ensure that all plan amendments and land development regulation amendments are reviewed for consistency with the adopted plan and minimum state laws and rules.

GOAL 1303

Monroe County shall increase the involvement of the citizens of the County and government related entities that operate within the County in the comprehensive planning and growth management process.

Objective 1303.1

Monroe County shall provide for and facilitate public participation and awareness in the comprehensive planning process.

Policy 1303.1.1

Monroe County shall continue to utilize an information exchange program, including the full utilization of an updated mailing list, to provide for the communication of issues in summary form between the County and all interested parties.

Policy 1303.1.2

Monroe County shall develop public awareness of the Comprehensive Plan by providing for public education programs designed to promote a widespread understanding of the Plan's purpose and intent.

Policy 1303.1.3

All entities listed in the "Inventory of Government Related Entities" section of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element of this comprehensive plan shall receive a copy of this comprehensive plan within six weeks after final adoption of the plan by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners.

